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DATE SET FOR OAKLAND STAKE TEMPLE EXCURSION

The long anticipated temple excursion to the Mesa Temple is now a reality for the Oakland Stake. The date is set for February 15, and promises to be one of the spiritual as well as educational treats of the year 1949. The program as outlined calls for a trek by chartered busses to Mesa. Side trips are planned, if time permits, to the scenic wonders of the area, and a visit to the Maricopa Indian Reservation.

Familiar to many in the stake was the inspirational visit and tribal dances staged by and through the efforts of the members of the Maricopa Stake, for members of the last Oakland Stake Temple Excursion to the Mesa Temple.

Fares on the chartered bus will be $22.00 roundtrip, a great saving over railroad fare. The bus will schedule its stops for the convenience of the group.

It is suggested that all those who have names for whom work is to be done and desire to do the work themselves, send the names immediately to the Index Bureau, Salt Lake City to be cleared and then forwarded to the Mesa Temple. Do not delay a single day so that everything will be in readiness when you arrive in Mesa.

The committee has been advised that if baptisms are necessary, that Monday is the day for baptisms. So it is also suggested that you request that the baptisms be performed prior to your arrival so that the other ordinance work may be accomplished, by you at the Temple.

The committee has also been informed that if you do not have work of your own to be done that names can be provided. So don't let the fact that you don't have work of your own to be done, keep you from taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity to rekindle your spiritual fire at the temple.

Invitations have gone out to the Berkeley, San Francisco, Palo Alto, Stockton, Gridley and Nevada Stakes to participate with us in this spiritual adventure. Some of these stakes have already replied, that they will have a good representation in this caravan.

In order that the chairmen of the Finance and Transportation committees might be able to char-

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Stop and Think

BY CALVIN SIMONS.

A WAY OF LIFE.

There is a stock phrase in the Church which can be interpreted in various ways. What we mean when we say that Mormonism is a "Way of Life" demands clarification and understanding by all those to whom Mormonism has significant meaning.

The most prevalent interpretation is that Mormonism is a way of life for the individual. In line with the individualism typical of America where Mormonism had its nurture, it has become a mode of living out one's individual life in accordance with principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. These principles were restored and interpreted by Joseph Smith to fit the changed conditions of his generation.

The aim of Moromonism since Joseph Smith has been one of spreading the gospel from man to man—to impress upon individual men and women the dignity and worth with which the gospel of Christ clothes the human personality, and get them to follow that path of eternal progression best followed by obedience to the counsel and guidance provided by the church.

The Mormon "Way of Life" is characterized by day to day living of the gospel with little or no attempt to rationalize, explain or correct differences or discrepencies which exist between the religious life and other aspects of life—the economic of political. The discrepencies that are recog-

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Berkeley Stake Welfare Budget

According to Pres. W. Glenn Harmon of the Berkeley stake, the beginning of the 1949 Welfare season finds the stake prepared to function in a realistic manner.

It is the aim of the Church Welfare committee to have each stake prepared to care for all the needs of the people within its boundaries, and as nearly as possible everything should be produced by the stake. In order to encourage production each welfare district is assigned a community budget which must be met by producing goods or raising cash funds to purchase the goods.

The San Francisco Bay Region has been assigned commodities having a total money value of $37,339. Divided on a population basis Berkeley Stake's share of the total is $12,111.00.

Ward bishops, Relief Society presidents and work directors report that recently the need for welfare articles has been keenly felt and all were eager to begin to produce according to the plan of the Church. Some of the wards already have permanent welfare projects; others have temporary ones that they are working until they find what is most feasible for the conditions of the ward.

Napa ward owns a prune orchard and in 1949 will produce several thousand pounds of prunes, enough to fill the stake budget and to send some to Salt Lake in exchange for commodities which Berkeley does not produce, and some to sell for cash to buy other things.

Walnut Creek branch is working a pear project and the pears which they harvest will be canned by the two Richmond wards to complete the stake assignment of canned fruit. Other wards will produce vegetables which can be used fresh as the need arises and the surplus canned to meet the budget requirement.

It is planned to produce 1800 pounds of dried beans, 450 pounds of honey, over 500 cases of canned fruits and vegetables and 50 cases of jam and jelly. These are just a few items picked at random from the budget list.

The stake welfare center should be in operation by March and as commodities are produced they will be stored at the center to be sent out on bishops' order wherever there is need.

Those people in the stake who have worked hard on the labor or sewing projects and then have seen the things that they have produced used in homes where there is need have expressed themselves as wishing that every member of the stake might be privileged to know the joy it is to help to keep the welfare plan in motion.

THE PASSING PARADE OF 1948 OAKLAND AND BERKELEY STAKES

Hayward ward began the use of their great chapel in the beginning of January, 1948, although they held their first meeting in the new building late in December, 1947. Bishop Finley Pearse of Pittsburg was given a farewell party January 9 prior to his transfer to Houston, Texas, by the Shell Development Company. J. Harold Magleby was made the new bishop. W. Glenn Harmon and Thomas S. Ferguson spent the month of February and part of March, 1948, doing archeological exploration work in Central America with Dr. Wells Jakeman of the BYU.

The January, 1948, Messenger carries a picture of Elder George Bruerton of Napa as he appeared in England where he was doing notable service as a missionary..... January 25 Oakland stake conference enjoyed the visits of Spencer W. Kimball and Stewart B. Eccles. .....January 24 at Coloma, California, a grand jubilee of the 100th anniversary of the discovery of gold was celebrated. Oscar A. Kirkham delivered an address representing the Church, and German E. Ellsworth and a group of elders held open house in a new Church building in Discovery park at Coloma which has been erected by permission of the state of California to memorialize the services of the Mormon Battalion boys in the discovery of the first yellow metal in California.

Utah Sports And Things

● The first skiing exhibition ever to be held within the limits of a major American city drew 1500 beginner skiers and spectators on the slopes New Year's at the Bonneville golf course in Salt Lake City. This demonstration exhibition by top men in the skiing world followed the third session of the first annual Deseret News ski school which has drawn over a thousand enrollees.

● Plans are being completed for an annual Colorado river boating trip by the Salt Lake Council, Boy Scouts of America, covering some 167 miles of that great river in tight reinforced rubber landing boats of the type used by the navy in landing operations with inflatable compartments as safety measures. Three trips this year are scheduled: April, May and June. Applications are being taken now for the trip. Scout membership is up 20 per cent.

● A department of architecture is to be added to the College of Fine Arts at the U. of U., headed by Roger Bailey, professor of architecture at the University of Michigan, who won $20,000 first prize for the design of Chicago's proposed World War I memorial. A new head of the commercial art section of the U. of U. is Arnold Friberg of San Francisco, designer of many winning poster design contests.

● BYU won the intermountain cup in basketball, while the U. of U. won the same title in football and was invited to play in

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CONNIE DUNFORD

Connie Dunford was selected by the Alameda high school as its

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Local Colony Youth In Fiery Head-on 2-Bus Crash Near Tooele, Utah, Dec. 18

One of the most horrible bus accidents ever to occur in the West happened to two Greyhound busses that hit head-on in a fog-bound road near Tooele, Utah. Filled with home-bent holiday happy passengers, mostly service men from the bay region going East, and students and others coming to the bay area for the Christmas vacation, many lives were lost and many life-long injuries inflicted.

The Messenger is in receipt of a letter from the mother of the boy who was sitting beside the driver of the westbound bus at the time of the accident. Mrs. Gertrude Lesser of 566 6th Street, Hayward this mother, writes: "We feel very humble and very grateful to our Father in Heaven, for we know and "Hal" knows that his escape was a miracle. He received a frontal bump and one on the back of his head which dazed him.

"But he remembers the terrible heat from the back and recalls seeing the bus driver's feet, and he was able to follow those feet and escaped safe. The fact that he was not bumped into unconsciousness undoubtedly saved his life. He was the only one released that Saturday night from the hospital, the bus driver having suffered from shock.

"We surely thank our Heavenly Father that among all the bay area young people attending schools in Utah and returning for their vacations none other than Hal was on that bus. I might add that Hal is stake M Men president in Riverside stake."

From the Salt Lake Tribune clippings enclosed by Mrs. Lesser with her letter we learn that Hal (or Richard) Lesser, 18, is a sophomore at the U. of U. The eastbound bus was a Treasure Island chartered Greyhound bus filled with 36 service men. The accident happened at 12:20 p.m., and Hal said that their driver had pulled out to pass a car ahead when the eastbound vehicle loomed out of the fog.

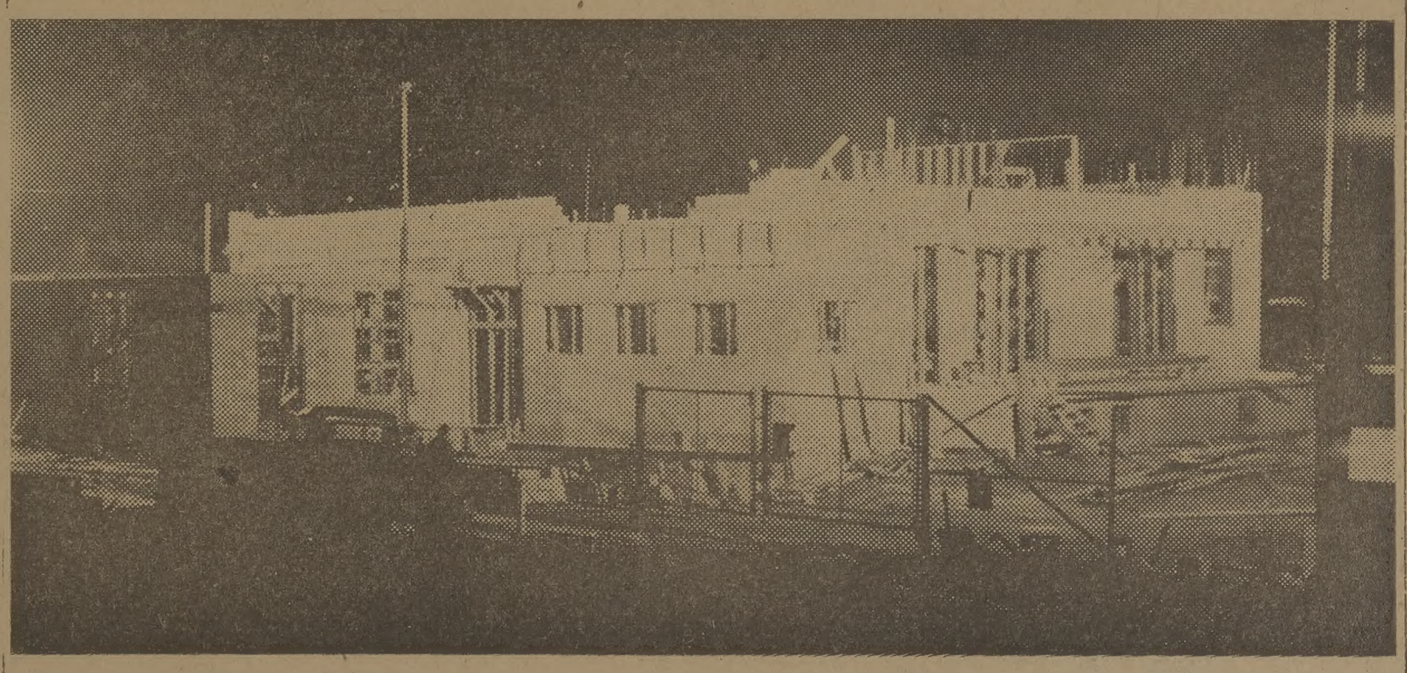
Mesa, (Arizona) Temple Excursion Encouraged By Temple Workers

In a letter from Mesa, Arizona, dated December 26, from the pen of Charles C. Carr, formerly bishop of Oakland and also of Berkeley wards, we read: "We are thrilled to think that you are coming to the temple during the Easter vacation week . . . May and I are now numbered among those set apart as workers in the temple, so that we do indeed thrill when any of our old friends come here to receive the blessings that can be found nowhere outside of the Temples of God." He is referring to the Berkeley stake temple excursion by chartered bus set for next Easter vacation week.

Brother Carr says that at the time of writing there are quite a number of people working at the temple from Utah, Idaho and Colorado, and yet the committee has been able to house the special groups that come by bus from time to time. By the time of the Easter season he thinks that many of the present influx will have returned to their homes, so that good accomodations near the temple should be more plentiful even than now. The rates, he mentions, are about $1.00 per person for beds.

Regarding a special baptismal service to accomodate the young people who have expressed a wish to go on the Berkeley stake temple excursion next Easter time, Elder Carr says that he cannot speak for President Payne, who is away from Mesa until about January 1, but he does say that he believes that we can make arrangements for special baptisms to be held on the Monday following our arrival in Mesa. A letter has gone forward to President Payne asking that this be done if possible.

One of the major joys of this bus trip to Mesa will be found to come from the social contacts among the group made on the bus coming and going. A few seats will be left unoccupied to allow for visiting together and exchanging thoughts and experiences.



This Christmas day, 1948, photo of the Berkeley Stake Welfare Center taken by Delbert Carmen of the Richmond ward bishopric shows the sturdy nature of the construction. Built of concrete blocks which have had their hollow centers reinforced with steel bars buried in poured concrete, the new welfare building, even thus early, shows its well designed outlines of harmony and utility.

President W. Glenn Harmon, in calling for all-out consecration of volunteer labor and the budget payments, declared that we must now aim for an early completion of the building so that it will be ready to take care of the next season's canning.

Work is going forward on this Welfare Center at San Pablo avenue and Fink Lane, El Cerrito every week day night as well as each day. Ladies of the various wards have been most generous in organizing themselves for feeding the workers each even [illegible] Tony Clerk of Richmond ward, is the foreman in charge and is on the job continuously and most devotedly, always with a smile to accompany his directions.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare my way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

Martinez Ward

The Ward boasts of a successful New Year's Ball, as well as a good turnout for the Stake party for the M Men and Gleaners, December 25, and the Junior Girls and Junior M Men's Stake dance December 29.

The Mutual Special Interest group begins new lessons on "Home Planning" the first Tuesday of January at 7:30 p.m.

The Primary officers and teachers are making early plans for the spring conference. The Children's Friend quota must be in by January 15. For further information call Afton Atkinson, 1207-M, 901 Brown street, Martinez; for the Improvement Era, call Ruel Brown, Concord 3172; the Relief Society Mazaine, contact Leda Johnson, 1635 Castro street, Martinez, or call LaDene Jeppson, 1602, 1865 Pacheco Blvd., Martinez, oCntact I. B. Ball, 1612 Spruce street, Berkeley 9, California, for the Church News and Messenger.

Stanley Dahlin, Jr., has been sustained and is to be ordained a teacher in the near future; Leland Starr and Lynn Robinson have been ordained deacons; and Neil Rorsythe a priest.

January 2, the Genealogical program was conducted by George Mosier, Ward chairman. Dorothy Wanlass played a piano solo, and Brother Jacobs of (Richmond?) Oakland, brought an inspirational message to ward members. Our Father in Heaven told Abraham that he was chosen before he was born into this world to do the Father's work, and be a leader among the Children of Israel and through obedience his posterity would be numbered as the sands on the seashore.

Each Latter-day Saint in the Church at the present time, was held back in the pre-existence to come forth in this last dispensation to preach the gospel to the nations, and do baptisms for the dead, not only by word of mouth, but byexample; Be humble, preach the gospel by living the laws and commandments of God and keeping ourselves unspotted from the world.—Fern Nosier, 2025-J 407 H Street, Martinez.

Elmhurst Ward

We of Elmhurst Ward hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday season.

Many people were entertained Christmas eve by the Fireside's caroling. They met at Church and after caroling for a few hours, proceeded to Pete and Lucille Brown's home for something warm to eat.

Tuesday, December 28, was the date for the M. Men and Gleaner party. Doris Jacob's home was the place. Games were played and very nice refreshments were served. Everyone really had a wonderful time and are looking forward to many new parties like this in the future.

Elmhurst's Christmas program was held the Sunday after Christmas with everyone participating from one to ninety-nine!

Friday, December 3, found everyone at the Variety Show directed by Fern Nelson. This year's show was even better than the one last year. We were glad to see many new faces from other wards attending.

The Junior Girls of Elmhurst tied their rose bouquet on Tuesday, November 23. Barbara Bates gave a reading, Flora Fenn played a piano solo. Peggy Brush sang a solo and Helen Carlson and Rowena Bassinger played a piano duet. The mothers of the girls were present and each girl gave her mother a rose and the girls gave a rose bush to the bishop. The Young Women's president presented the Junior pins and rose folders to the Junior Girls. The program was concluded by the Stake Junior Leader, Alva Cook. Refreshments were served afterwards.

There were many tired but happy M Men and Gleaners New Year's day for a snow trip was the big event. After the dance everyone met at Doris Jacobs' house at 2:00 in the morning. Pinecrest was the destination for about five cars. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elmer were the chaperones. Everyone had a fine time even though it was wet!

One of our most beloved members passed away suddenly of a heart attack last week. Brother Wallace Wilson will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.—Raellen Reynolds, 8802 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland.

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HARMONY HILLS SUCCEEDING AS CO-OPERATIVE ENDEAVOR

Twelve young LDS families are now living bravely on the one thousand acre home site that is Harmony Hills or are living in the nearby communities and working on the homesite part time. By kind invitation of the group through their president, Wendell Grow, formerly of Oakland ward, the éditor spent the weekend, December 11, 12 and 13 as guest of the colony, making headquarters at the new home of Horace Toponce, the first to be completed in Harmony Hills.

For those who do not know, let us say that you drive south past San Jose and Gilroy and on to San Juan Bautista, which is about 20 miles this side of Salinas. San Juan boasts one of the primitive California missions, and is largely Catholic in population. In fact, there was only one other church there, the "Assemblies of God," (I think that is the name), until the Harmony Hills branch was organized by Pres. Ellsworth of the Northern California Mission. The homesite of Harmony Hills is about five miles up the San Juan canyon from San Juan Bautista, but the group has rented a nice hall for their Church meetings in the town. The children from Harmony Hills are transported to and from school in San Juan Bautista each day by bus.

Four years ago this whole thing was but a dream in the minds of two or three Oakland stake members. Now there are 67 down there comprising the new LDS Harmony Hills branch. Harmony Hills leaders are as follows:

Wendell Grow, president; Horace Toponce, first counsellor; Quentin Taylor, second counselor; Phil Pearce, branch clerk; Merle Stanfield, S. S. Supt.; Willard Aston, priesthood group and Gospel Doctrine leader; Wm. Hendershott, chorister; Eldred Holdaway and Melvin Scott, counselors in the Sunday school; Carl Lofquist, Ivan Pearson and Movelle Day. Brother Allan Snowball, formerly a member of Berkeley stake High Council, has just purchased his membership and is selling his home in San Jose prior to erecting a new home on the hillsite.

Besides these there are four other members: Frank Fenlon, a state highway patrolman living now in Salinas has the framework and roof on his new homesite house. Max Briggs stills lives in Richmond where he runs a grocery store of his own. He hopes to start on his home this spring, moving down to engage in the food distribution business in the region round about. Sam Hardy owns his own home in San Francisco, where he is in the long distance department of the telephone company, but hopes to be able to transfer soon to Salinas or Hollister. Ray Overman is with the PG&E in Alameda where he owns his home. He has cleared his property on the homesite and put up temporary quarters. Frank Turner, a convert recently baptised by branch, will soon be a member of the corporation that owns Harmony Homes homesite.

Before going further, we should say that the Relief Society of Harmony Hills branch is doing fine service. Nina Toponce is president, with counselors Betty Scott and Lydia Pearson, and Lorna Pearce as secretary.

The branch has eight elders, seven Seventies, and a total membership of 67, 15 being adult males, 18 adult females and 33 children. The Sunday school report showed, December 12, 53 enrolled, 58 present. There were nine visitors and five excused. Attendance generally runs over 100 per cent.

At the sacrament meetings the attendance is usually between 80 and 90 per cent. Never have we experienced a more spirited and spiritual priesthood meeting and Gospel Doctrine class, and a more inspiring and talented leader than Willard Aston. He, by the way, was called into the district presidency the Sunday we were visiting, and this may make some difference in his activities in the branch.

The Harmony Hills men are fitting themselves into positions in nearby towns as opportunities offer. Wendell Grow is in charge of Sears Service station in Salinas; Horace Toponce is in a San Juan butcher shop; Quentin Taylor lives in San Juan Bautista, where he has opened the best barber shop in town. He works part-time as salesman while the barber business is building up. Merle Stanfield live in San Juan, also, and is prospering as a salesman with the Lo-heat kitchen ware.

Eldred Holdawan has completed his concrete basement, which is the full size of the home-to-be, and lives in it as comfortably as any home. He carries on his electrical business from his home. Wm. Hendershott lives in temporary quarters on the homesite and works in Salinas for Sears as radio repairman. Willard Aston lives in San Juan, but is a business salesman in Santa Cruz. Movell Day still lives in Hayward, but works on his place on the homesite weekends and attends Church there Sundays.

Melvin Scott lives in temporary quarters on the homesite and is manager of the Salinas office of the Jenkle-Davidson opticians company. Phil Pearce is a painter living in San Juan and working on his place on the homesite. Carl Lofquist is an electrician by training but works as a painter while living in temporary quarters on the homesite. Ivan Pearson works at floor sanding and preparation, and is also a welder by training.

The alertness, jollity and earnestness of the Harmony Hills group is well reflected in the way in which the small priesthood group is carrying on its self-selected priesthood welfare project. They have divided themselves into two teams for friendly competition, one called the "Upan Atoms" and the other the "Eager Beavers." A rabbit raising and a wood cutting project are well on their way.

We would omit a very noticable quality among the members of Harmony Hills if we failed to mention the wholesome, jovial atmosphere that pervades everywhere. The odd things that happen from time to time are treasured and retold with gusto and merriment, let the laugh fall on whom it may. Sociability prevails in a degree that ordinary LDS ward members cannot anticipate.

These people are more like missionaries in the mission field than just members of a branch. They are united by the seven-day a week tie that binds them together in this cooperative enterprise. They are working as individuals, owning their own homes, but they are cooperating in the building of them, more or less like ward members join together to build their chapels. Each member comes over and gives the other fellow a lift, according to his skilled trade or free time. Altho an account of this mutual help is kept, there is no effort or thought to strike a balance in every case. Some need less, some more; some can give more help, some less. Next year the tables may be reversed. The spirit of mutual love and helpfulness is there over all. These people are living the Christ-like way more nearly than the rest of us even think of doing.

But there is a common sense view of it all. They know and talk of the difference in their human natures, of the inevitable clashes of ideas and feelings that they know must come in the natural course of events. But they forwarn themselves and take it all in stride, in patience, good nature, love and prayer.

All in all, it was a rich treat to associate again with these upward looking, forward moving young adventurers in more ideal types of living. Drive down some Sunday; see for yourselves. You'll be welcomed and you'll be pleased. See San Juan Bautista Spanish mission when you are there and drive 10 miles up San Juan canyon, thru Harmony Hills property by a fine state highway, to Fremont Peak state park. On clear days Monterey bay can be seen. Also get a glorious view of Hollister and its famous seed-growing valley from the homesites on Harmony Hill. Every home has a million dollar view.

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Berk. Stake High Priests' Presidency

The photograph above by Delbert Carmen of Richmond ward shows the new high priest leaders in Berkeley Stake. Left to right are seen, Heber C. Russell, secretary; Wm. W. Owens, counselor; Don C. Wood, president, and D. A. Harris, counselor. These brethern succeeded former president Heber M. Ellsworth and his counselors, G. Douglas Ream and Fred R. Anderson with Alvin G. Cheshire, sec'.

Fairfield Branch

In reviewing 1948, we are pleased to see that Fairfield branch contributed in it sown small way to the growth of our great Church. Six babies were named and blessed, being Vickie Lynn Herron, daughter of eGorge and Lola and sister of Sandy; Robert John Isaac Oliver, son of Orlin and Opal and brother of Richard, Freddie and Charlotte; Marteen Bramwell, daughter of Gale and Izetta and sister of Denton. The next three include a son for Woodrow and Valerie Haycock; a daughter for the Patsy Oliver Howlett and her GI husband, Arthur; and a son for Ernest Oliver and his wife, "Tootsie."

Fairfield branch had a Christmas party and Christmas gift exchange at the home the Relief Society had an all-day meeting for the Primary group and their parents; of Sister Anna Ubershear in Vacaville and the Sunday School sponsored a program on December 26. All affairs had above average attendance.

The Relief Society has two new members—Sisters Kathy Campbell and Dorothy Pinkerton, local high school girls. President Blaisdell announces that the society is handling "Lady Gay" garments. Anyone desiring further information may contact Sister Blaisdell at 945 Ohio street, Fairfield.

It's been a pleasure this last year to work on your Messenger each month. The Messenger, as you probably know, is printed in the Solano Courier office, Suisun.
—Maxine Campbell, Phone Suisun 4.

Richmond Ward

The event of the month of December was the Ward Talent Festival on the 10th. A great success it was an example of what can be done when everyone works together. Special thanks go to President Harmon who displayed his talents very profitably as an auctioneer.

Every organization in the ward celebrated Christmas with parties. The Big Scout troop No. 131 celebrated by gathering charity baskets.

Richmond played Carquinez basketball December 4, the score going in favor of Carquinez, 24 to 12.

Our Sunday School is in process of organization of a Junior Sunday School. All parents are urged to bring their children out. A nursery class is provided for those who have babies too young for any other class.

A new baby girl has blessed the home of the Kenneth Porters, a fine sister to their son, David. Congratulations.

Thanks are very much due to A. L. Harris for past services including teaching Sunday School classes and many other helps of great value which he has performed faithfully and well. He has now moved into Berkeley second ward.

We also wish to extend wishes for success and happiness to Zelda St. John, who was a teacher in the kindergarten class. She is entering nurses training at Permanente hospital. The children and all who know her will miss her and hope that she will be able to visit us often.

Ruth L. Neilsen is going to be married; the date is January 20, at 8 p.m. A reception will be held following the wedding, both reception and wedding taking place at 425 South 21 street, Richmond. Congratulations, Ruth.

Betty and Ernest Bourne moved into their new home a few days before Christmas at 630 Amador Street, Richmond. They hope to have the phone installed soon. In the meantime please hand Betty the ward news or mail it in.—Betty Bourne, 630 Amador St., Richmond.

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Carquinez Ward

By the vote of all Priesthood members, the time for Priesthood meeting has been changed. Fast day, the meeting is set for 10:15. All other Sundays, the time for the Priesthood is 12:20.

Besides the broken hand Melvin Nielson received playing football, he has received recognition as an outstanding football player. and was chosen as an alternate on a team going to Hawaii. But, because of his injury, he was unable to go.

Congratulations to the parents of new babies this month! Bro. and Sis. Wm. Bussboom, a girl, the Glen Dabwings, a girl and Fern Royer, a boy. We also received news that Bro. and Sis. Von Neilson have a baby girl.

Our kind thoughts are with Sis. Margaret Knight, because of the recent death of her mother.

A new member of the Relief Society staff is Elizabeth Brown, who will act as a coordinator.

The Relief Society visiting teachers have a good record for the past month, with all districts visited except one. The appointed visiting teachers are: Aner Shurtleff, Julia Mitton, Olga Heimke, Margaret Knight, Lois Hunter, LaRue England, Estella Kelly, Joan Annaland, Mary Jane Dennis, Dagmar Sieversen, Eliza Clark, Eunice Hoye, Edna Harris, Amy Peterson, Verda Telford, Elizabeth Brown, Lael Pederson, Donna Bremer, Atholl Warr, Maude Sorensen, Elda Lowry, and Nadia Johnson.

A Relief Society holiday party was held December 22 for all married couples in the ward. Marjorie Nelson and Hope Fitt were in charge of the games and dancing. Much fun was had over the josh gifts that were exchanged. Excellent refreshments put a pleasing finale to the party.

The MIA basketball team has joined the City League, and also the city church league. As yet, a win hasn't been chalked up, but this is only the beginning; Members of the team are: Ted Elmer, Dale Kershaw, Melvin Nielson, Harold Severson, Melvin Hill, Albert Harris, Ray Telford, Phill Burgess, Raymond Pederson, Jack Lewis and Jim Watson.

The Youth nights, sponsored by the MIA are proving to be a big success and lots of fun. All young ladies and young men of all the wards in the Stake, are inivted to attend. The next youth night will be January 8.

The Sunday School and Primary Christmas party for all the children in the ward, with Santa in attendance, was fun for all. A play, "Christmas Eve at Grandpa's and Grandma's" was given by the primary children .After the program, movies were shown for the children.

Winifred Hacking was sustained as first assistant in the girls' organization and Olive Ivie was sustained as second assistant.

Donna Benware was released from the Benicia Relief Society and Lydia Stewart was sustained as first counselor in the Benicia Branch organization.

New members sustained to complete the Genealogical organization are: Ralph Clark, first assistant; Charles Perrenaud, second assistant, and Edna Hill, secretary.

Lucille Clifton has been released as a Primary teacher, and the three new teachers are Carla Hayes, Sharlene Newman and LaRue England.

December 5 William Rex Wells was blessed by his grandfather, Bro. Johnson. Shirley Dickerson was confirmed by Ralph Clarke.

Congratulations to Bevy and Donna Benware on the birth of their son.

December 26 was a Sabbath day to remember for any one who attended the Church services .The Sunday School service was impressive with carols sung by the kindergarten and primary class, stories and tributes by Arlo Sornsen, Julia Mitton,Marjorie Nelson, and Eugene Taylor. Camele Rodrego sang "Cantique De Noel" and "Silent Night." and the male quartet, composed of Harvey Nielson, Stanford Knight, Lon Mitton and Myron Telford sang, "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful," and "The Lord Is My Shepherd." Choral reading by the senior class concludes the service. The Sacrament service was given by the Aaronic Priesthood. Speakers for the evening were Newel Standley, Jr., Boyd McKay, Phil Burgess and Mary Hardison. Boyd Newman played violin selections and the Deacons' chorus sang special music.

Let us remember, "Keep the Sabbath Day Holy," and attend both Sunday School and Sacrament meetings.

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Alameda County Daughters of Utah Pioneers Centennial Tea, Xmas Party

An old fashioned party with Christmas trimmings was staged the afternoon of December 9 in Oakland Chapel by the Alameda County Camp of Daughters of Utah Pioneers, with Captain LaRee Tolman presiding graciously.

By AMELIA EVERETT.

A long table wearing a red and white checkered cloth was spread lengthwise before the sixty-two guests. Centered on it was a small tree brilliantly trimmed with pop corn, cranberries and wax candles.

It stood in a heaped spray of red apples and mixed nuts. On each side of the pine were three lighted candles in silver holders Each end of the table was adorned by a quaint silver teapot and tray.

To the left front stood a small table on which was arranged photographs and books to enhance the program which was prepared and ably presented by Ruth Savage Hilton assisted by Donna Phelps Bates, pianist; Jane Lee Boedes, soloist; and Wanda Boyack Harmon, reader.

Nine daughters of the Dimond Camp sang "Mountains and Valleys Out West," conducted by Beatrice Summerhase Larson. The composition was written for and sung at the California Centennial at Woodminister Bowl, Oakland. Among the thrilled listeners sat the author of the song, Adeline Hewitt.

Present were the three past presidents of the Alameda County Camp, Minnie Fisher Ellsworth, Jessie Lund. and Effie Gibbs; also the Oakland Stake Relief Society president, Hilda Perkins, who is one of the few among us whose ancestors came on the good ship "Brooklyn." From San Francisco came County President Charlot Spencer and four members.

Daughter Hilton invited the guests to view photographs of Ina Coolbrith, Bret Hart and Jack London, and to examine the book of poems, "Wings of Sunset," which was presented by Miss Coolbrith's granddaughter, Ina Craig of Berkeley, to Daughter Hilton.

The committee members were Winefred Phelps, chairman; Cleo Ricks, Amelia Everett, Gertrude Wright and Effie Gibbs. Pouring was done by Cleo Ricks, Katherine Pearson and Ida Holmes.

The decorated tree from the table was presented to the oldest member present, Margaret England, 73 years young.

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There was silver, and spice and a Christmas tree
In what we called Centennial tea.—Amelia Everett.

Dimond Ward

It is a good feeling to start a New Year. Especially when we can look back on the old as a happy and joyous one. Many wonderful inspiring meetings and enjoyable socials have been attended by all members of Dimond Ward.

The attendance from Dimond Ward at the Stake MIA Special Interest party at Elmhurst Ward was something to be proud of. Three cheers for those with dancing feet.

The kiddies enjoyed their Christmas party. Our own Don Russell in the roll o magician was splendid. We are still wondering where the rabbit went, Don. The picture of Jack and the Beanstalk is a favorite of all. All the credit for a big time goes to Santa who gave the kiddies candy, and the officers and teachers of the Primary who surpervised the party.

Sister Stone, from Berkeley Ward, was in charge of the literary meeting December 21 in Relief Society in the absence of Sister Hilton. The theme of the day was "The First Christmas on the American Continent." It was a wonderful program. We enjoy your visits, Sister Stone. Refreshments were served.

The Mavis and Edward Humphries' home is an especially happy one. Their son, Phil, returned from his mission and will be seeing you all very soon. It has been six years in all that Phil has been away from the Ward so it must seem a little strange. So let us all put out our hand to him and make him feel at home.

The MIA Christmas party on the 21 was an evening of games enjoyed particularly by the younger groups.

Gloria Jackson has received a call to the Eastern States Mission. We wish you blessings, Gloria, and will miss you.

Don Russel has been called to the Western States Mission. Best wishes also to ou. Don, and hurry back for some more magic.

It's been grand having the young folks home from school during the holidays. We miss you terribly the rest of the time.

Dan Cupid was a busy during the month of December.

Analee Hope Avarell of San Pedro and Lynn Hilton were married December 17 in the Salt Lake Temple. Both have filled missions. President and Sister Hilton made the trip to be with them. Hope and Lynn spent their honeymoon in California. Our best wishes to you both.

Wesley Thomas and Velma Maynard were also married during the month of December. Congratulations to them.

Several families from Dimond went to Utah and several to Los Angeles to be with their families over Christmas.

Watch for announcements of the Dimond Ward Missionary parties in January for Gloria and Don. We want to give these fortunate young people a big sendoff.

See you next month.Stella S. Hoopes.

Add Dimond

Garyl Fisher, a newspaper reporter on the "San Leandro News," and Bonnie Miller, flew to Salt Lake City for their honeymoon after their marriage on December 4. She was the private secretary of General Hap Arnold during the recent war. All their friends and relatives extend best wishes.

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Berkeley Ward
FIRST WARD

The month of December burst on Berkeley first ward with the usual Christmas anticipation, confusion and the joy of reunion with old friends, relatives and sons and daughters coming home for the holiday season.

The Relief Society started the holiday spirit in their organization with a joint literary meeting under the direction of Sister Dorothy Stone, with Berkeley first and second wards on December 16.

On December 20, Santa Claus reigned supreme at the Berkeley ward when a party for the young people was given. The enthusiasm and excitement of the youngsters who participated in this program was a testimony to the fact that the Christmas spirit and children will always be linked together.

Not to be outdone by the Berkeley ward youngsters, the Theta Chi Beta and the M-Men and Gleaners proved that the Christmas spirit can be effectively expressed by their groups also. On Thursday night, December 23, these organized groups went caroling to the homes of various members of the ward. All those concerned were unanimous in deciding that the warmth of companionship in such activity was worth the cold weather!

The annual Christmas dance under the sponsorship of the Berkeley first and second ward M Men and Gleaner group was held in the Berkeley ward recreation hall on Saturday night, December 25. As usual, it was a center of reunions for friends who had come home from attending school in areas other than Berkeley. Some of the students who returned to Berkeley to celebrate the Christmas season were: Eunice and Merrilyn Harmon, Leonore Ream, Carolyn Johnson, Patty Russell, Joan Gardner and George Sorenson.

The following Wednesday night the festivities were taken over in the recreation hall under the direction of the Junior M Men and Gleaner Girls. At this time a successful party was held for the group.

In spite of the fact that a large number of young students of Berkeley ward were attending the Rosebowl festivities in Pasadena over the New Year's holiday, the New Year's eve dance sponsored by the MIA proved a delightful occasion for all those who remained at home for the Berkeley celebration.

At this time the Berkeley first ward wishes to extend to all a Happy New Year!

Elaine Sorrensen of the Berkeley YL MIA Presidency became engaged to Warren C. Morgan of Dimond ward. She rereived a "sparkler" on December 4. The wedding bells will ring in June, 1949.

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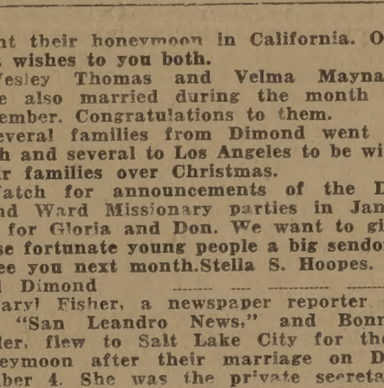

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San Leandro Ward

This has been an exceptionally busy month for everyone and yet the spirit of the Christmas season has been very much in evidence in our various ward meetings.

The bishopric wishes to take this opportunity to thank each of the Singing Mothers for the beautiful Christmas program presented this year. The story, "Anniversary," by Margaret Sangster, was impressively told by Helen Christensen, highlighted by the beautiful choral numbers of the Singing Mothers as well as the children's choir. The setting provided for the story was most effective.

We were pleased to have the members of Elmhurst ward join with us for this Christmas sacrament service.

Mention should also be made of the S. S. Christmas service. It was outstanding and we were proud of the young people of the ward. Brother Archie Inger was the speaker for the morning and, as always, added appropriate thoughts in his sincere and satisfying way.

Did you know San Leandro ward has a basketball team? Our players may not be eligible as basketball teams go for the official church league, what with their added years, thinning hair and paunchy waistlines, but they have a lot of fun and, incidentally, have made quite a record.

Thanks to all of you who helped the Boy Scouts with their sale of dried fruit. It was a successful project. However, there are a few packages still remaining. If you would care for more, please contact any one of the Scouts.

It was with a real sense of loss that we said goodbye to Bro. and Sister Arthur Wells and family this past month. The support and willingness to help that each member of the family offered, will be greatly missed; however, we are pleased to have had their assistance since the organization of our ward. We sincerely wish them success and happiness in their new home at Corning—(Rt. 1, Box 135, Gerber, California.)

Seasonal greetings were received from each of our missionaries in their various fields of labor. Each expressed satisfaction and joy in their missionary work.

It has come to our attention that Bro. Milton Wells is presiding over the Alexandria Branch of the Louisiana Mission, while Brother Howard Marsh has been made first counselor to the Argentina Mission President.

Let us resolve to support all church activities during the coming year. May 1949 prove to be a happy and successful year for each one.—Verna Jackson.

American Guild Of Organists Holds Christmas Dinner-Concert In Berkeley Chapel

About 200 people associated with the American Guild or Organists, were served their annual Christmas time dinner in the Berkeley ward recreation hall. Mrs. Dora Ruegg served the dinner; Mary Russell was chairman of the decoration committee and had volunteers from the LDS matrons' club, the "Sew 'N Sews," to assist her, and Bishop Gardner was asked to address the group.

Mrs. Frances S. Beniams of Berkeley ward was chosen to give the annual Christmas concert following the dinner. Her renditions on the noble Berkeley organ were enthusiastically received.

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Vallejo Ward News

The Christmas season brought parties and visitors to our vicinity. One of the nicer affairs was the luncheon given by the Relief Society presidency, Sarah Neering, Emma Zundell and Leola Hamblin, for the members. After the lunch the group gathered around the tree for singing and exchange of gifts.

The Primary children and their leaders entertained a large audience with a clever little play, "The Joy Train." Santa appeared with a gift for each child, while clever gifts which the children had made in their classes were given to the parents.

The Sunday School gave an unusually fine Christmas program. The superintendency, Vern Newman, Tom Williams and Harold Hamblin, invite everyone to attend Sunday School this coming year. The new manuals have arrived, so that the lesson material is excellent, and new.

The MIA officers of Carquinez and Vallejo wards entertained a large crowd at the joyous New Year's Eve dance. The hall was beautiful with winter scenes. Confetti, serpentine and noise makers added to the merriment of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Tittner had as their holiday guests their daughter and family, the Douglas Storeys of Ogden.——Mr. and Mrs. Henry Neering spent the Christmas season at Oceanside visiting relatives.——Guests at the John Zundell home during the holidays were his mother, sister and brother, all from Ogden.

The bishopric members and their families enjoyed a progressive dinner party during the holidays.——Guests at the Wallace Weirman home Christmas were the parents of Sis. Weirman, Jr., and Mrs. Robert Love of San Francisco, and her brother, Robert, Jr., of Ukiah.——Mr. and Mrs. E. Z. Taylor are vacationing with their children at Alta Dena and Los Angeles.

On New Years' day it was a family reunion when the Otto Mathews entertained three brothers and one sister of Bro. Mathews from San Francisco, Petaluma and Nevada.——Mr. and Mrs. Lars Detton are proud to announce arrival of a new daughter in a San Francisco hospital, January 4. ——Clista Knight is recovering at her home from a recent illness.—LaRue Powell, Phone 2-5294.

Stake Excursion

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ter the bus, and make final plans for accomodations in Mesa, a partial transportation deposit will be required on transportation. Sleeping accomodations will cost about $1.00 per night per person if we know ahead and reserve the places in advance.

Provisions should be made by each individual to provide for sufficient funds and clean clothing for the entire week.

It is planned to leave Monday and return Saturday so that all might be home for Sunday. This should insure us of four days of gratifying spiritual service in the temple.

The Excursion Committee is as follows:

ChairmanWilliam H. Evans.
Finance—Claude B. Lamkin.
Transportation—Thelda Baker.
Accomodations—Ira B. Call.
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Get your reservations in early that you might be assured transportation. Reservations can be made through your Ward Genealogical chairman. And any current information or development can be had from him or any member of the Excursion Committee.

Watch your Ward bulletin boards for **Notes of interest!!!**

The Ward Chairman are requested to forward the deposits for reservations to the Chairman of Finance, Bro. Lamkin, or to the Excursion Chairman, Bro. Evans, as soon as possible.

Your Ward Chairmen are:
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A happy group at the Oakland Stake Special Interest Frolic December 10 at Hayward Chapel. Left to right, Mrs. Angus Norberg, Amasa A. Bliss, Mrs. Pearl Bliss, Angus Norberg.—Ray W. Piercy photo.

ENRICHING EXPERIENCES COME TO HUMBLE SWISS CONVERT

By MILDRED MORGAN.

When Oscar Fontana, now a member of the bishopric of Alameda ward, was eighteen years old he became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in his native land, Switzerland. He lived for years saving money so that he might bring his wife and family to America.

One rainy, dark evening Oscar was detained at work until late. Everyone in the town apparently had gone to bed early. While Oscar was eating his dinner, a loud knock came on the door, and Sister Fontana ushered in a cold, wet, muddy missionary. He explained that he had lost his way and would be grateful for directions.

Brother Fontana told him that they were only LDS within miles and wondered how the elder had found their home. The elder replied that, having lost his way and coming to the cross roads, he had kneeled in the mud under a tree praying for help. He arose and was told to go to the right.

After traveling for some distance he saw a light in an upstairs window, and went to that residence. Brother Fontana now knew why he had been detained at work for otherwise he would have been in bed as was the whole town. Dry clothing and good food cheered the elder, and he gladly spent the night at the Fontana Home.

Oscar started with his family for America aboard the S. S. "Chicago." On the ocean the magnificent S. S. "Titanic" passed the "Chicago" at four o'clock in the afternoon. At two o'clock that night the "Chicago" answered the SOS from the Titanic telling how that ship had been struck by an iceberg. The "Chicago," racing to the scene, picked up 600 survivors.

Brother Fontana knows that the Lord has blessed him all thru his life. He loves the Gospel. It is sweet to him, day and night. He loves the holy scriptures, and has read the Book of Mormon through with joy sixteen times, and finds it more enjoyable each time.

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Hayward Ward

The new little Welchoff girl just missed being born on the Savior's birthday (as the world believes), but she did second best and came to celebrate the Prophet's birthday, December 23. She is the second daughter of Day and Betty Welchoff, Day is in the presidency of the MIA.

It was a merry Christmas, especially for several families that had their young folks home for the holidays from their various colleges. There was Donna Jean Webb, Helen Emerson, Margaret Trenchand, Hal Lesser, Pat Harrington and Shirley Kirk.

It was a truly grateful Christmas for the Lesser family. Hal was coming home on the westbound bus when that terrible head-on bus collision of two Greyhound busses occured near Tooele, Utah. Hal was hospitalized for a part of one day on account of two bumps on his head, but was the only passenger that was able to leave the hospital. How truly great are the miracles of God. Hal is the president of the stake MIA in Riverside stake, California.

The largest crowd in the history of Hayward turned out to greet Santa for our Christmas party. Besides "stockinged" candy and nuts that Santa brought with him, the local carpenters' union donated 200 bags of candy to us. Our spiritual Christmas feast was sacrament meeting on the 19th. The choir gave the program with Bro. Norberg of the stake presidency as the speaker.

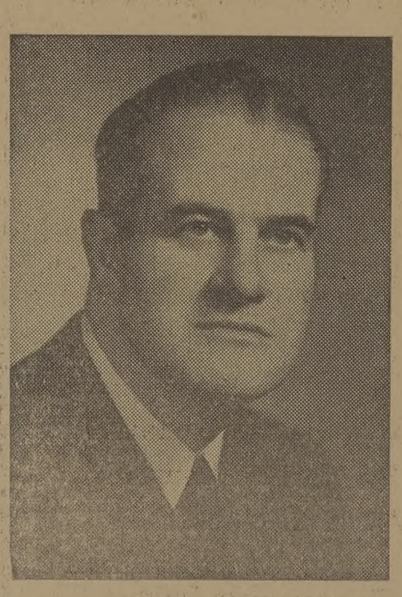
Monday night the choir enjoyed themselves caroling, having borrowed the bishop's truck which was bedded with straw for their comfort. They called at the homes of the shut-ins and the sick of the ward, and stopped later at Eva Loomis' home for chili and French bread. What a treat that was, and what a cold night; but what fun for all. The following night the Fireside went caroling, ending up at Marie Drake's home for refreshments.

Gene Blackman and family spent the holidays in Sacramento with her folks. Gene is going to New York on a buying tour for Capwell, Sullivan and Furth's after the first of January, to be gone a month.

The Scouts would choose the coldest night of the year for their overnight hike, starting December 21, and ending with a swim at Sutra's on Wednesday. . . . Dec. 29, the Girls' Committee sponsored a Mothers-Daughters party. It was a great success and showed what should be done more often; enjoyed were group games, refreshments and a program.

George Nobel of Hayward and May Bates of Richmond were married by Bishop Webb Dec. 30. They are honeymooning in Los Angeles.

—Mrs. Robt. Livingston.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Our dead might say to us, "We have lain here thousands of years, here in the prison house, waiting for this dispensation to come. Here we are bound and fettered, until you on earth release us by doing the Temple work for we on the other side."

Do we stop to consider that our parents, their parents, etc., who have gone on, are impatiently waiting for us to go into the Temples and be baptized and have the other ordinances done for them, that they may be brought into the light, as we have, and thus progress, according to their desires?

Let each of us consider the project of seeking out our genealogy, as a New Year's Resolution, that we may bring about the release of our forefathers and thus become saviors on Mt. Zion.

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Stop and Think

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nized tend to be passed off as being inconsequential.

De-emphasized, however, in consequent Mormon doctrine is the further idea from the Prophet Joseph Smith that there is more to the human personality than the religious experience—more to a "way of life" than religion. The ideal of the Prophet was to establish Mormonism as a society—not only as a theology. Mormonism would take as its field all of life. Responsibility for economic and political decisions would be made by those guided by religious principles. The United Order was the practical formulation of Joseph Smith's economic principles and his campaign for the Presidency of the United States in 1844 demonstrated that he was unafraid to express his religious principles in the political arena.

Mormonism does not exemply this idea today. It is not a society but merely a religion among others in a society in which other institutions are more influential. The influence of the Church on the United States is almost negligible. On the other hand it has considerable influence on the millions of people associated directly and indirectly with it. It is this individual, i n d i r e c t influence which makes Mormonism a force in the world of affairs.

It is appalling that there has been no direction given to the political and economic thinking of the Chuch in the light of the principles of Joseph Smith. At the same time it seems that those who have had the most influence have been able to divorce religious principles from their other activities.

At least we should learn one thing from the valiant efforts of Joseph Smith to establish a Mormon Kingdom of God on earth. The principles Joseph Smith set up as the criteria on which to judge economic and political administration are still valid working principles today. For the Prophet the guiding principle of every action was to be found in the common good—justice. Nothing would be done which was not in the public interest. Joseph Smith was not afraid of either economic or political intervention with the private interests of individuals if justice to all, intelligently administered, was the criterion.

This discussion has been an attempt to state two opposing views of what constitutes a "way of life" and of how the "Kingdom of God" is to be established. The one view is that by piecemeal conversions we persuade individuals to live according to the principles of the gospel and thereby be a "Kingdom of God" to themselves. The other view is that we have not achieved the aim of Joseph Smith to establish a Mormon society, ("A United States of the World") and that the closer we come to setting up Christian criteria of economic and political administration the closer we will be to the "Kingdom of God."

(Editor's Note: Reader reactions, discussions and comments, cordially invited. Address the author at Bowles Hall, U. C. Campus, or the editor, 1612 Spruce street, Berkeley.)

Oakland Ward

Dan Cupid has reached two couples in our midst this December. Estherella Kaleikau, our choir director, who is very active in all Church work, became engaged to Alex Olszowka, a recent convert and one who has become quite active, on Christmas morning. They haven't any definite plans, but it looks like it may be the Salt Lake Temple in the spring. To Alex and Estherella we wish happiness and congratulations.

M. C. Laird, who is active in the Boy Scouts, MIA, and Wilma Wilkinson, from Dimond Ward, have become engaged also. They plan a journey to the Salt Lake Temple some time in January, and then making their home in the bay area. To M. C. and Wilma the best of everything and congratulations.

Bob Bundy, who is stationed in Louisana in the armed air forces, was home with his family for a week and reports that he may be home for Easter.

Our Sunday School superintendent, George Ellsworth, was released from office, being very busy in other work. Wilford Eastin is our new superintendent, with Kenneth Krey as first counselor. The second counselor has not yet been chosen. We wish to express our appreciation for all the fine work that George has done.

Maria Ellsworth has been released from the Junior Sunday School; a successor has not been named. To Maria, also, we extend our thanks for her fine work.

Interested in drama? Our three-act play, "Ever Since Eve," is to be presented on March 30. Tryouts come in January. All those interested please see Marilyn Bradford, the drama director of the Ward MIA.

We wish to report that Elaine Peterson Rich, and Art Rich, are the proud parents of a baby girl. Now residing in Denver they wish to send their greetings to all friends in Oakland Ward. This is their second child.

To everyone everywhere we wish to extend a happy new year.—Bernadine Adams, TW. 3-4861.

Liahona Club News

The Coit Hotel was the scene of the Liahonas Annual Christmas party Monday evening, December 27, 1848. The wives of the members were honored on this evening and approximately 40 couples were in attendance.

An excellent evening of entertainment was featured. This was under the direction of Vice President Curtis Bybee and Curtis Millward. The program included performances by Richard Allphin and Alfred Fontano, Richard Mower and Vera Briobragenski, Roy and Helen Clovis, Don Wood and Heber James Brown.

A variation of the radio program, "Stop the Music," was played with Curtis Bybee as master of ceremonies. Prizes donated by the various members were given away. A Dormeyer electric mixer was won by Ethel Maurer for the closest guess to the population of San Francisco in 1920.

The next meeting of the Liahonas Club will be held January 24, 1949, at which time election of officers for the new year will be held.

Utah Sports

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the Delta Bowl at Memphis. The Utah Aggies swept up the Skyline Six championship when they walked away with the conference track and field meet held at Denver. Wendell Rollins of S. L. C. made the Olympic bicycle team.

● A newly discovered large natural arch of white sandstone in the hills of southern Utah has been put on the map as Grosvenor Arch by the National Geographic Society.

● The thirty-third annual presentation of the Messiah in the Salt Lake Tabernacle was heard New Year's day at 2:30 p.m., conducted by Dr. Alfred Greenfield of New York City.

● Utah's new Republican governor, J. Bracken Lee, took the oath of office Monday, January 2, 1949. He succeeds Governor Herbert B. Maw, a democrat, of the state since 1925. Mr. Lee was formerly the mayor of Price, the home town of Pres. W. Glenn Harmon. See what you missed by coming to California, W. Glenn?

● It hurts Utahns to admit it but Utah's honorary state bird is only a part-time resident of Utah. As soon as the sea gull gets old enough to fly it leaves the state, and comes to the Pacific coast where it lives for three years. Then it goes back to the Mountains to lay eggs but again leaves as soon as the young are old enough to fly. Moreover, this Utah state bird is properly known as the "California Gull." Seagulls banded on Rock Island in the Great Salt Lake have been picked up in Wyoming, California, Idaho, Mexico, Utah, British Columbia, Washington and Oregon.

● "Know Your Utah Week" was observed in Utah January 4 to 11 in unique manner under the sponsorship of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, Parley P. Giles being state general chairman of the week. He said, "It is the aim of our group to make the average citizen a well versed, well informed individual who knows about and understands the state, its people, its environment, its blessings, and its opportunities."

"Which governor in Utah grew less like his name with each succeeding term," was one of ten questions on, "Can you recall past Utah Governors?" as one of the ways that the "Know Your Utah Week" was called to people's attention.

●("God willing, and with your confidence I will never betray that trust," were words uttered by Utah's new Republican Govenor W. Bracken Lee, in his inaugural address before 3000 people in Utah's beautiful state capitol, January 3, 1949. The First Presidency and a number of the Twelve Apostles were in the throng.

The Utah Copper mine at Bingham still idles 3000 men on account of a strike that began October 25.

Two hundred students at Weber College, Ogden, Utah, have registered for the ski-class starting January 3 at Snow Basin. Some 1500 have also registered in SLC for the Deseret News sponsored Ski-classes at the Golf club grounds.

Former S. L. Judge, E. J. Milne and Utah Industrial School head and athletic coach, and later head of the California State School for Boys at Whittier, 1933-41, died at his California home in Whittier, January 2, 1949.

Senator Thomas of Utah now heads the U. S. Senate Labor and Education committee. He is a brother of our W. Kendall Thomas of the Berkeley stake high council. He has introduced a bill to repeal the Taft-Hartley law and also favors federal aid to schools and will reintroduce his own bill to that end. Senator Thomas is a U. C. Ph. D. man, and taught S. S. class in the Oakland branch Sunday School while a student here.

Alameda Ward

The dinner held at Alameda ward on December 2 was indeed a success. Besides the dinner that was served there was entertainment furnished by students of Helen Nobles' dancing school. A variety sale was planned by the Relief Society. $1,500 was cleared for our building fund.

A lovely Christmas program was enjoyed by a large attendance Sunday morning, December 19. The Alameda choir rendered five Christmas selections at the sacrament meeting on the same day.

On December 22 a Christmas pageant was presented by the Primary after which a movie of the "Night Before Christmas," was shown. To round out the event, Santa appeared to present the children with gifts.

Our BYU students, Gertrude Heermann, Harold Clayson, Jenny Crandall and Gordon Christensen, were home visiting for the holidays. They were the speakers at sacrament meeting December 26.

Alameda ward is really starting the new year right. We moved into our own chapel January 2. It is the achievement of a dream that became a reality.

Christmas eve the Fireside groups enjoyed an evening of caroling. Following the caroling they assembled at Lola Stam's home for refreshments.

Many thanks to the M Men and Gleaner Girls for their help in making decorations for the Christmas ball.

Max Norton's daughter, Maxine Norton, was married Christmas night to Arthur Fotheringham of Beaver, Utah, Bishop Winkel performing the ceremony.

Mutual will start in Alameda on January 11, the second Tuesday of the year. We hope everyone will make it a point to attend.

We sympathize with Geo. Pinckney who list his father recently; with Blaine Wilson, our S. S. chorister, in the loss of his father in Elmhurst.

Recently Ira M. Schow died in Brigham City. He was the father of Norma Hunt, Lee Schow and Reed Schow of Alameda; of Beth Stagge of El Cerrito; of Ellen Calchera of Vallejo and of Don Schow of Hillman, California.

—Gaylene Clayson, LA 3-2961.

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Berkeley Stake News Stresses Action; M. I. A. Basketball Season Is Now On!

By MARGUERITE FIFE.

The first 1949 quorum meeting for High Priests throughout the Stake will be held on Thursday, February 10, at 7:30 p. m., and will be held in the Berkeley Ward Chapel. All quorum members are urged to attend. . . . .

Members of the Stake will be interested to know that "Bill" Richards is the new stake chorister, replacing Robert Sant, who found that his duties as director of the Male Chorus necessitated his release as chorister. Bro. Richards, well known for his musical talents, and genial disposition, is doing graduate work in music at the University of California. . . . .

● Stake Primary president, Annetta V. Wood, reminds us that subscriptions are still being taken for the "Children's Friend," the Church magazine for primary age children and their families. This monthly magazine is one which should be in every home. It is rich with worthwhile literature and activities; parents are urged to make available to their children this wealth of material. Subscriptions may be placed with any of the ward primary officers.

● Children and adults alike were delighted with the outstanding Christmas parties and programs which were given by all of the Primary associations thruout Berkeley Stake. Participants were Primary and Sunday School children; climaxing each function was the annual visit from Santa Claus.

● A Primary nion meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, January 21, in the Berkeley Ward Chapel. All ward officers and teachers are urged to be in attendance.

● On January 1, 1949, Vera H. Mayhew took up her new duties as Stake Relief Society president. Sister Mayhew, who is the wife of Wayne E. Mayhew of the Stake Presidency, replaces Louise O. Knight, who has served faithfully as president for the past two and one-half years. Sister Mayhew has chosen Maybelle Anderson and Ellen Haddock as her counselors, and Iris Creer as secretary. A vote of thanks is given Sister Knight and her counselors for their fine service, and an expression of confidence and good wishes is extended to their successors.

● A Relief Society Union meeting was held January 7, at 1 p.m., at Berkeley Ward, with Walnut Creek Branch as host. Relief Society workers throughout the Stake were in attendance.

● Our recently installed Sunday School Board has begun what promises to be a fine job. Stake Superintendent George Olson informs us that he and his board members are making regular visits to all Sunday Schools in the Stake, in an effort to render whatever service might be desired.

● Plans are going forth for a three-Stake Sunday School Convention, which will be held some time during the month of February. Details will be given to stake and ward workers as arrangements near completion.

● The MIA Basketball Tournament is off to a good start. According to Sid Feller, Stake M Men Athletic Supervisor, the teams are in fine condition, and promise execllent entertainment for those who attend the games. On February 12 and 13, the subdivision play-offs will be held, in which two of the four stakes participating will be declared winners, and wll go to Sacramento to take part in the Division play-off on February 18 and 19. The winner at Sacramento will represent the division at the finals in Salt Lake City. All of the Berkeley Stake games are held at the Garfield Jr. High School, and are free of charge. Officials are professional referees Joe Fluery and John Cullen, and the caliber of the last half of the tournament should be such that the games will be well worth attending. The January schedule is as follows:

January 15

7:00 Carquinez Jr. M Men vs. Claremont M Men.
8:00 Carquinez M Men vs. the Claremont M Men.
9:00 Berkeley M Men vs. Richmond M Men.

January 29

7:00 Berkeley Jr. M Men vs the Carquinez Jr. M Men.
8:00 Berkeley M Men vs. Carquinez M Men.
9:00 Richmond M Men vs. the Claremont M Men.

Following is the Stake MIA Activity schedule for January:

January 15—Special Interest party—Pittsburg.

January 22—M Men and Gleaner party.

January 29—Jr. Men and Junior Girls' party—Richmond.

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Anyone desiring missionary service is invited to call Stake Mission President Ariel A. Anderson, at LA. 5-3788. The missionaries welcome all opportunities to explain their work to those interested.

The presidency of the First Quorum of Elders is in the process of reorganization. Earl Amott, quorum president, is moving his family into the Berkeley Second Ward, thus necessitating his release. Announcement of the new presidency will be made at a later date.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer R. Clark enjoy a dance at the Oakland Stake Special Interest Frolic December 10 Hayward Ward. He is president of the stake Special Interest Group.—Ray W. Piercy Photo.

Berk. Stake's Annual Sweetheart Ball

A gala evening is in store for all those attending the First Annual Berkeley Stake Sweetheart Ball. The affair, to be held on February 4, will take place in the University Room of the Hotel Shattuck, which is located on the corner of Shattuck Avenue and Allston Way in Berkeley. Dancing will be from 9 to 12 o'clock, to the popular music of Murray Peterson and his orchestra. The dress will be semi-formal. Those in charge of arrangements especially urge that the "Older Sweethearts," as well as the younger ones, give the ball first place on their social calendar.

This is the first time since the division of the Oakland and Berkeley Stakes, that either Stake has attempted a grand ball independently of the other, and it is important that each member set aside the date, in order to assure a good attendance.

The admission is one dollar per person. Outstanding entertainment will be presented during intermission, and refreshments will be served. Good parking facilities are available west of Shattuck Avenue, near the civic center and the YMCA. Remember—Friday, February 4, the Berkeley Stake SWEETHEART BALL.

CONFERENCE DATES

General Church Conference .....April 3, 5 and 6; Sept. 30, Oct. 1-2.
Primary General Conference .....April 1 and 2.
Relief Society .....September 28 and 29.
MIA General .....June 17, 18 and 19.
Berkeley Quarterly Conference: .....Feb. 12 and 13, with Welfare Meeting Saturday evening; April 30, May 1; and Aug. 27 and 28, with Welfare Meeting Saturday evening.
Oakland Stake .....Jan. 22 and 23; April 9 and 10; June 25 and 26; Oct. 22 and 23.
San Francisco Stake ....Jan. 8 and 9; March 19 and 20; June 4 and 5; Oct. 8 and 9.
Palo Alto Stake..... Feb. 19 and 20; May 7 and 8; Sept. 2 and 4; Nov. 19 and20.

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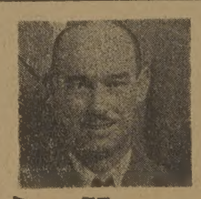
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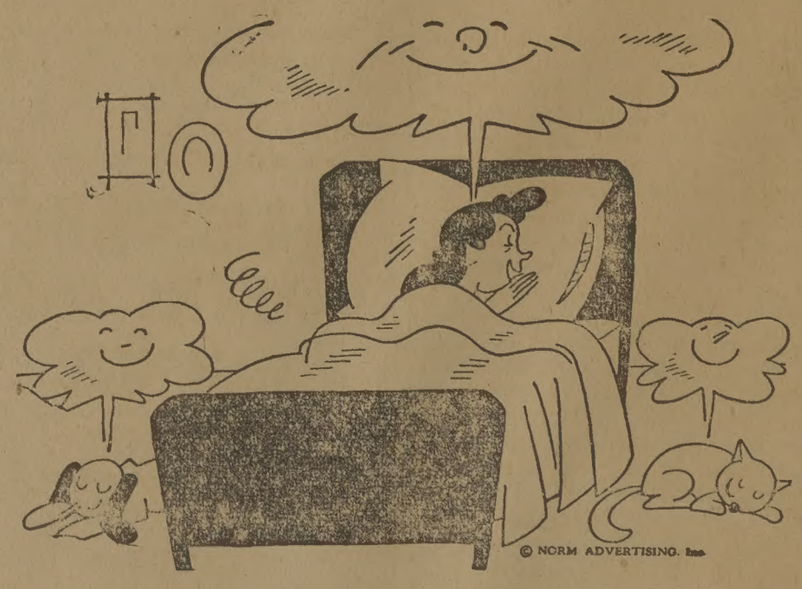

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Oak. Stake News and New Buildings; Stake Conference; MIA,, S. S., Primary

By MILDRED P. MORGAN AND DARRELL MONSON.

President Eugene and Sister Ruth Hilton were made very happy this Christmas holiday season by the marriage of their son, Lynn, to Hope Avarell whom he met while attending the University of Utah, where she was doing post-graduate work. Previously Hope filled a mission, being sent out from Berkeley ward after her graduation from the U. C. December 28 the Hiltons held open house for Lynn's friends.

President Hilton and Mrs. Hilton went to Salt Lake for the temple wedding, and while in Salt Lake he discussed our much needed Tabernacle and also the contemplated temple with President George Albert Smith, David O. McKay and Bishop LeGrande Richards. They recognized our needs and encouraged Brother Hilton.

The stake building program is going forward. Alameda ward is nearing completion of their excellent $130,000 chapel, some meetings having already been held in the building. Regular Church services will start there the first week in January, 1949. The stake congratulates Alameda ward in their wonderful accomplishment. Soon it will be dedicated.

The roof of the new plant at 98 and Gould was put on before the rains came. The new canning equipment for both Berkeley and Oakland stakes has been received and is stored in the present cannery awaiting the completion of both stakes' new canneries. Plastering the cannery is Oakland's next task.

At Hayward Welfare farm 200 tons of sugar beets have been harvested and now one and one-quarter acres of garlic has been planted as a cash crop. Next project is planting grain for feed for the ten pigs and the chickens that are part of the plan for next year. The stake is still holding open the position of caretaker of the chicken project at the farm. A second apartment is being readied for this caretaker.

The December High Council and stake presidency study-social was held at the home of the Wm. H. Evans. Don Bennion gave the lesson. Howard Dunn, counselor to Bishop Thys Winkel of Alameda, has moved into his new home in San Leandro.

Chairman Ruth Hilton of the stake Girls' Committee announces that the outlines for the Sunday morning classes for girls are in the hands of the ward leaders. The older group will study, "How to Present the Gospel to My Friends" and the younger group, "The Woman I Wish to Become," being a study of the lives of great women. The Girls' Committee hold their Union Meeting bi-monthly. Placards featuring the stake girls' slogan, "Faith, Friends, Frolic Through Activity in the Church," are in the hands of the ward committees.

The Oakland stake Relief Society Board has planned a lovely luncheon for all visiting teachers of the stake at Elmhurst January 28, at 12:30.

The Welfare Union meeting is held Sunday every other month. The Relief Society presidents of every ward are required to be there. January 9 will be the first meeting of this committee and will convene in the Dimond chapel, 3618 Dimond avenue.

Alameda ward will begin holding R. S. meetings Tuesdays at 1 p.m. now that their chapel permits. Elmhurst meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m., Oakland, Hayward, and Maxwell Park at 1 p.m., while San Leandro meets Monday night at 7 o'clock, at 230 Leo avenue.

Stake Relief Society board meeting at Hilda Perkins will be the first meeting of the new year.

OAKLAND STAKE SPECIAL INTEREST FROLIC

On Friday, December 19 at Hayward ward, a gala social event was held honoring all stake and ward officers and teachers. The frolic, sponsored by the Special Interest Groups of the stake, was well attended and featured special floor show numbers, according to Elmer C. Clark, stake Special Interest President. The MIA officers of Hayward Ward provided the refreshments and the novel decorations for the evening.

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OAKLAND-SAN FRANCISCO STAKES HAVE XMAS BALL

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The Xmas holiday was fittingly brought to a close in the minds of M Men and Gleaners of Oakland Stake when they sponsored a Xmas formal with San Francisco Stake M Men and Gleaners on Xmas night. Decorations followed the snowflake theme, arranged by Alameda young people, and were backdropped by a beautiful Xmas tree. Outside, the rain was heavy but a large group braved the storm and enjoyed the evening together. Homer Cockrill's orchestra was on the stand.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE IS CELEBRATED

Waiting to welcome the new year at Elmhurst ward this year was one of the largest crowds that have attended the season's Stake MIA dances. Noisemakers, hats, serpentine, and excellent floor show, and all the trimmings made this event something to be remembered. One of the most outstanding features of the affair was the special dance mixers held. Auld Lang Syne rang through the building at midnight giving the hope of a new and better year to come.

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● The Stake Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association executives of Oakland entertained the presidents and counselors of the wards at a delightful pre-Christmas luncheon. The party which was held at the lovely home of Gertrude Lessor, Manual Counselor, was beautifully decorated with miniature Christmas trees, holly and candles. Following the luncheon Rhea Gustaveson, Stake Y. W. President conducted a short business meeting. Sister Lessor was assisted in serving the 21 guests by her daughter-in-law, Ruby Lessor.

● The next Stake MIA Leadership Meeting will be held in Dimond Ward, Sunday, January 16. Every ward officer and teacher in the ward organizations will be in attendance, we trust.

● "Winter Enchantment" is the name being given this year to the annual Junior Semi-Formal Prom, to be held at Dimondw ard, Friday, January 14, 1949. All Junior Girls, Explorers and their friends are invited. Elva Cooke is the Stake Junior Leader.

● On December 13, a surprise stork shower honoring first counselor Pearl Hatfield, was held in lieu of the regular monthly YW Stake Board meeting. Gertrude Lessor, Ruth Nelson and Flora Sears formed the committee which planned clever games and favors, and delicious refreshments.

● Alameda Ward will hold the first session of Mutual this year in their new building on the evening of January 11. "Let's go to Mutual."

● The second Debonair party of the season was held at the Claremont Hotel December 22. Floor show numbers, door prizes, choral singing and the lovely decorations all added to the conviviality of the large group in attendance. The January formal dance will again be held at the Claremont, while on February 18, club members will entertain their guests at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco.

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OAKLAND STAKE CALENDAR

Jan. 12—Maxwell Park Building Fund Event.

Jan 14—Stake Explorer-Junior Girl Winter Prom.

Jan. 15—247th Quorum of Seventy Meeting.

Jan 22-23—The Oakland Stake Quarterly Conference.

Jan. 28—Stake M Men and Gleaner Disc Dance.

Jan. 29—Springro Event.

Feb. ——Stake High Priests' Meeting.

Feb. 11—Stake Sweetheart's Ball.

Feb. 12—Stake Beehive Valentine Party.

Feb. 12—380 Quorum of Seventy Meeting.

Feb. 18—Hayward Ward Semi-Formal Ball.

Feb. 19—247 Quorum of Seventy Meeting.

Feb. 19—Maxwell Park Building Fund Event.

Napa Ward News

The season's greetings from the members of the Napa Ward to our many friends in the Berkeley Stake.

We are very happy to welcome Brother George Bruerton home from his mission in England. He was honored at a birthday party on December 22 at the home of the Elmer Olives. The ward welcome home party was held on January 7.

It is also good to have Bro. Jay Wilson home with us again. He has been in Guam with the United States Air Force. Also Paul and Mary Ann Murdock have been home from BYU for the holidays.

On December 19 Napa had the honor of having the Stake Presidency attend the Sacrament meeting. The purchase of a welfare farm was discussed and authorized. We always enjoy hearing the inspirational messages from our Stake Leaders. During the meeting, Allan C. Woolley was released as finance chairman and Bro. Lee Ferrin Francom was sustained.

The visiting teachers of the Relief Society were honored at a dinner at the home of Sister Ruth Pell. She was assisted by her counselors, Florence Hall and Dorothy Knowlton and Beatrice Lundell. It was a lovely affair and one that wil llong be remembered b ythe visiting teachers.

Santa Claus was the main attraction at the Primary party and the children presented a fine program after which they were rewarded with candy and pop corn from Santa Claus.—Catherine J. Woolley.

Pittsburg Ward

Since the departure of Keith Epling, Pittsburg bishopric, has added the services of Raymond Gibbs as the second counsellor. Already some of the results of his vigorous efforts have been felt, and no doubt the new year will bring with it even more of hard work and service to all from Bro. Gibbs.

"Some of the finest people in the world," is putting it mildly when speaking of the M. O. Simons family. It was a sad day for Pittsburg when the Saints learned that they are moving to Tracy, California. Our loss, however, was Tracy's gain, for already they have taken theirplace in that ward of that newest of California stakes. Here's to a lot of visits from the Simons.

A Christmas party sponsored by the MIA and with a program provided by the Primary was held in the chapel December 21. Many children participated in the affair, and as scheduled Santa Claus arived with good things for all. Bessie Dansie, Primary president, was general overseer for the program with the MIA executive officers handling the details.

The front of Pittsburg's chapel has increased in beauty ten-fold with the addition of a covering of white paint. The old weather-beaten cracked paint has at last been covered, a relief to many and a joy to all. Now—for the day when the newly completed blueprints will take form.

RESOLUTIONS
By Jonathan Edwards.

Resolved, to live with all my might while I do live;

Resolved, never to lose one minute of time, but improve it in the most profitable way I can;

Resolved, never to do anything which I should despise, or think meanly of another;

Resolved, never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.—Gloria Magleby.

Claremont Ward

Barbara Burgan, Lenore Wood, Joseph C. Wood and Kenneth Leth were seen in our ward gatherings during the Christmas vacation. These students all report a successful school year thus far. Nice to see you all again.

Rose Gleason was recently called to Utah because of the death of her father. We take this opportunity of expressing our sympathy to Mrs. Gleason and her family.

Claremont Ward MIA meetings will be held in the Berkeley Chapel, Walnut and Vine, Berkeley, on Wednesday evenings beginning January 5, 1949. Attendance of all members and friends will be greatly appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Krabbe and son, Richard, met with a serious accident when their car overturned near Wendover, Utah. The Krabbes were enroute to Salt Lake City to spend the holidays with their family and friends when the accident occured. We wish them a speedy recovery.

The new meeting place of the Claremont Ward is now located at 1837 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley, in the Masonic lodge building, over Ashby Furniture Store.

Our sincere thanks to the members of the Claremont Ward for the loyal support rendered during the past year. The bishopric extends to you best wishes for the New eYar. May 1949 be your banner year.

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outstanding citizen student.....

David Wood left for a free airplane ride to Honolulu, having been chosen as one of the twelve Boy Scouts from region 12.....

MARQUERITE PETRY

Margaret Petry won a $150 PTA scholarship at Berkeley high.

Elder J. Leonard Love, SLC businessman and member of the General Welfare committee attended the Berkeley stake conference February 15. The Berkeley ward choir and the Mormon Male Chorus furnished the music..... Rhea Gustaveson was made president of Oakland stake YLMIA January, 1948.....In January the Pittsburg ward basketball team won the San Francisco bay regional championship. ..... The Lambda Delta of the LDS Institute met in Fresno with a group of 110 representing the hundreds of LDS students now on the campuses of California universities and colleges.

March 25 the Alameda ward broke ground for its new $120,000 chapel at the corner of Grand street and Encinal avenue. First services were held in the building in December at which time it was nearly completed. Albert S. Bowen was the visiting apostle at the Oakland Stake conference April 11.....April 25 the new San Joaquin stake was organized with Wendell B. Mendenhall of Stockton as president. W. Aird Macdonald became the senior member of the stake's high council.

In April work was begun on the new Welfare center for Berkeley at Fink Lane and San Pablo avenue in El Cerrito.....April 19 the Northern California Welfare Region was divided. One part will be known as the Northern California Region and will comprise San Joaquin, Sacramento, Gridley and Reno stakes. The other, to be known as the San Francisco Area Welfare region comprises San Francisco, Palo Alto, Oakland and Berkeley stakes.....Pittsburg began holding meetings in their new chapel in March..... Gwen Muir was given a farewell in Elmhurst March 26 prior to her going on a mission to the Western States.

Thomas S. Ferguson began the distribution of his new book, "Cumorah—Where?" in February. It has continued to be a stimullant to thought, and in December the first answer to this book was published by Cecil McGavin and is entitled, "Geography of the Book of Mormon."

April, 1948, saw Vallejo ward divided into Vallejo and Carquinez with Bishop Jack Johnson in Vallejo ward and Glen Lowry in Carquinez.

DELBERT ROCK

February 25, 1948, Delbert Rock was given his farewell before leaving for Uruguay. He returned later for medical treatment and will resume his missionary labors in January.....April 23 the Oakland and Berkeley stakes Gold and Green Ball was held at the Scottish Rites Temple, Oakland.

May 2 a new bishopric was sustained in Dimond ward, releasing Bishop Dennis L. Lauper and sustaining Elmo R. Smith as the new bishop.....May 16 Archibald F. Bennett attended and inspired the joint Genealogical convention in Berkeley chapel.....May 29 the Berkeley stake Primary Pageant was held.....Gill Larsen of Maxwell Park ward was awarded the Marksmanship medal by the American Legion oPst of East Oakland. Gill is a high 11 at Fremont high school.....Jean Knowles and Don L. Robinson of Martinez were recently named boy and girl of the month at the Alhambra Union High School at Martinez. Both are leaders in the ward activities as well as at school.

DON L. ROBINSON

George Sorenson, Berkeley warder at the BYU, was the baseball hero of thesecond matchced game between the U. of U. and the BYU in May. He went the full eleven innings as pitcher for BYU and won the game 5-2.

May 21 saw over forty ladies of the Berkeley stake Singing Mothers giving their Musical Festival under the baton of Alameda Nielsen.....Vivian Williams was elected president of the Oakland stake Gleaners May 19.....June 8 Oakland stake's musical festival featured the stake MIA choir led by Darrell Monson.

The Service Men's Home on Alice street was sold May 30 thru the realty office of Vinal Mauss. .....Oscar Kirkham was the visiting Authority at the Oakland stake conference June 27..... Harold Simons was voted by his class at the Pittsburg high as the one most likely to succeed, and was chosen to give an address at the commencement exercises, and presented a pin as a member of the school's Honor Society.

June 25 the old Dormitory D 1600 at Richmond became history as at that time the work of demolition of the building was completed and the salvaged lumber had been hauled and stacked at the site of San Pablo avenue where the new Berkeley stake Welfare Center will arise.

In July the Brentwood Apricot orchard was the scene of many scores of workers picking apricots for the Welfare project. Walnut Creek saw daily work also on the cutting and drying of these 'cots.

On July 4 death suddenly struck Wm. G. Banks of the Berkeley stake H. C. while he was thought to be recovering from a terrible auto accident he experienced while driving in Texas.

DON C .WOOD

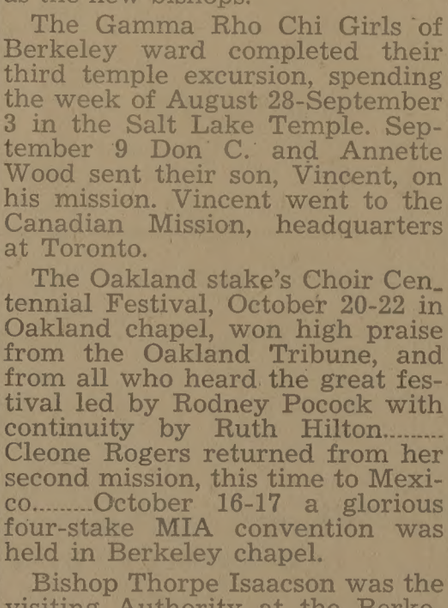
"BOB" DIVETT NOW N. CALIF. MISSIONARY

"Bob" Divett, a service man, formerly at Treasure Island, and active in the Church work among that group, and well acquainted in the wards with the young groups, dropped The Messenger a note in December to say that he now is filling a full-time mission in the Northern California Mission at present laboring in Red Bluff. He sends greetings to all his friends.

He states: "I am enjoying my labors as a missionary very much, altho apparently there are no fruits to our labors so far. I know that I am serving God and His true Church. Each day that I labor my testimony as to the truth o fthis Church increases," he adds.

JEAN KNOWLES

July 18 E. Richmond acquired another new bishopric. Bishop Bryant S. Knowlton moved to Napa thus making the latest vacancy. Charles V. Finell is the new bishop.....Don C. Wood returned from his mission to the British Isles in July.....Marjorie Wood, Don's sister, had returned from her mission to the Northern States in May, just ahead of Don.



MARJORIE WOOD

Henry D. Moyle and the Mormon Male Chorus were feature attractions at the Berkeley stake Conference August 29.....August 14-17 the Oakland stake Beehive Girls enjoyed three days in the hills above Chabot Lodge..... August saw the division of Berkeley ward into Berkeley First and Berkeley Second wards, with LeRoi B. Gardner and J. Ward Green as the new bishops.

The Gamma Rho Chi Girls of Berkeley ward completed their third temple excursion, spending the week of August 28-September 3 in the Salt Lake Temple. September 9 Don C. and Annette Wood sent their son, Vincent, on his mission. Vincent went to the Canadian Mission, headquarters at Toronto.

The Oakland stake's Choir Centennial Festival, October 20-22 in Oakland chapel, won high praise from the Oakland Tribune, and from all who heard the great festival led by Rodney Pocock with continuity by Ruth Hilton..... Cleone Rogers returned from her second mission, this time to Mexico.....October 16-17 a glorious four-stake MIA convention was held in Berkeley chapel.

Bishop Thorpe Isaacson was the visiting Authority at the Berkeley stake conference, November 13 and 14.....November 12 the Oakland stake put on their annual Road Show. Alameda won first

Dimond Ward Sends Missionaries

During the month of January three missionary farewells will be held in Dimond Ward for Gloria Jackson, Don Russell and Ira Barlow Call, Jr. Dimond already has four missionaries in the field: Neil McCarthy, Southern States; Bro. and Sis. Gerardus Scheuller in the Netherlands, and John Hilton in South America. Elder Phillip Humphreys has just returned from the Tahitian Mission.

GLORIA JACKSON

Gloria is the daughter of Preston W. and Grace Jackson. Born in Ogden, Utah, she came to California with her parents in 1934. Since graduating from Oakland High School in 1944, Gloria has been employed at Breuners in Oakland. Two brothers, Wendell and Frank, have filled missions in the Swiss and Spanish-American Missions respectively.

Gloria has been called to the Eastern States Mission. She will be honored at a farewell testimonial at the Dimond Ward Chapel, January 19, 1949, at 8 p.m.

DON RUSSELL

Don is the son of Clyde A. and and Mary Russell. Born in Eureka, Utah, he came to California with his parents in 1931. After graduating from Oakland High School, Don attended three semesters at San Francisco Junior College. Just recently he completed a three months missionary training course at the Brigham Young University.

Don is well known as magician, having performed both as an amateur and semi-professionally before many church and service groups. Over a year ago he was made a member of Oakland's Magic Circle, an organization of magicians in the Bay Area.

Don has been called to the West-

Gwen E. Muir, Elmhurst Ward Missionary, Happy and Busy in Greeley, Colo.

Thru the courtesy of the James Muir family in Elmhurst ward, we had the pleasure of reading a letter from our lady missionary, Gwen E. Muir. She speaks of the inspiring testimony meetings they enjoy in Greeley, Colorado, where the numbers are few but fervent in spirit, perhaps more so than in some older centers of the Church. The faith and humility of the converts is very great since they realize the greatness of the gospel by contrast with other faiths.

Particularly the Relief Society is thriving, being fully organized for visiting teaching and visiting the sick, and active in the welfare work and in holding bazaars. With only 12 members they have an attendance of over 80 per cent.

W. Scott Barrett, Berkeley Missionary Made Counsel... Western States Mission Presidency

Recently W. Scott Barrett, a fu... time missionary from Berkel... ward, has been called into t... presidency of the Western Stat... Mission with headquarters ... Denver. Due to this call he wro... the Messenger Nov. 16:

"My missionary life has be... filled with rich experiences, e... pecially in the last few month... It has been my privilege to trav... into the various districts to ho... meetings and work with t... elders. It is a thrill to see t... work of the mission progress ... leaps and bounds. Already ... have about 40 more converts tha... we had all last year.

"Recently I had an outstandi... experience in being able to go ... Rangeley, Colo., and organize ... branch of the Church. We met ... their new chapel which is ju... about completed. The thing th... especially impressed me was t... fact that I had been the first mi... sionary ever to go there, som... 20 months ago. The group h... been completely built up sinc... that time by members who hav... moved into that area and som... few whom the elders who hav... been working there have brough... into the Church.

"A similar experience happene... to me when I was privileged ... go to Rifle, Colo., and assist i... organizing a branch there. I ha... been the first elder to go ther... since the war and found thre... families of the Church at tha... time. Now there is a stron... branch with about 65 members.

"And," W. Scott closes, "giv... my best regards to all in th... ward."

Oakland Stake Quarterly Conf.

The regular quarterly confer... ence of Oakland stake will b... held in the Oakland ward chapel... MacArthur and Webster streets... January 22, 1923. No welf... fare meeting will be held, but in... stead a stake leadership meetin... Saturday evening.

The regular 10 a.m. and 2 p.m... sessions will convene Sunday... with a special feature by ou... young people at the evening meet... ing at 7 o'clock.

ern States Mission. He will be... honored at a farewell testimonial... at the Dimond Ward Chapel... January 13 ,1949, at 8 p.m.

IRA BARLOW CALL, JR.

Ira is the son of Ira B. and Chlo... Call. He was born in Phoenix, ... Arizona. In 1947 he graduated ... from Fremont High School and ... for the past two years has attend... ed San Francisco State College ... majoring in physical education. ... During his school career he has ... been a star athlete, a member of ... various football, track and wrest... ling teams. At the present time ... he is a member of Dimond Ward's ... M Men basketball team, as well ... as being president of the local M ... Men group. During his leisure ... time, Bud (as he is known by his ... friends), helps his father in the ... operation of the Olympic Florist ... Shop on MacArthur boulevard.

Bud has been called to the ... Netherlands Mission. He will be ... honored at a farewell testimonial ... at the Dimond Ward Chapel, Jan... uary 19, 1949.

A JOINT PARTY AND SOCIAL

A joint party and social for all three of these departing missionaries will be held on January 21, 1949. Everyone is invited to attend not only this party and social but the individual testimonials of these missionaries.